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Reference messages most helpful. Request clarification of following (not considered advisable to seek specific answers from Israelis or French at this time although should keep in mind in future conversations):

Refs refer to Israeli interest in four French aircraft, Vautour, Super-Vautour (Cyclone), Mirage III F-2 and Super-Mystere. Messages and info here suggest Israeli interest in aircraft (1) to meet short range or "interim" need and (2) to meet longer term need. Also suggest requirement on one hand for additional fighters and on other for strike aircraft. Can you clarify Israeli thinking what place four aircraft listed play with respect to time phasing and mission? For example, not clear whether Israelis want Vautour or Super Vautour as well as Mirage III F-2 if both available in 2-3 years. Do they want Super Mystere in addition? Do you have further info whether French would wish replacement aircraft for Vautour as well as Super Mystere?

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